

(b) *Area*: Narakkal—2119.46 acres.

Nayarambalam—2863.28 acres

Annual Land Revenue (1115): Narakkal—

Rs. 10,971-15-5 and Nayarambalam Rs. 14,658-8-3.

Royalty: Narakkal Rs. 477-10-5 and Nayarambalam Rs. 600-8-7.

Population: Narakkal 6,067 (excluding Census Town)
Nayarambalam 6,736—Narakkal—town—6,463.

(c) Yes.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): Have the Government come to any decision whether a separate Panchayat is to be constituted for the Nayarambalam village.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): There are such requests from various parts of the State, and the whole question has to be considered apart from this one Panchayat. I think during the next Panchayat Conference this question will be placed, and after ascertaining the views of the Conference, perhaps we may make general changes so as to reduce the size of very big Panchayats, and if necessary, increase the number of Panchayats.

Mr. A. L. Antony (*Irinjalakkuda*): Is this figure according to the last census?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes.

MINOR IRRIGATION WORKS—PREPARATION OF FIVE-YEAR PLAN

180. **Mr. C. V. Iyyu** (*Kunnamkulam*): Will Government be pleased to state whether the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to prepare a minor irrigation programme costing not less than Rs. 25,000 a year on the basis of a 5 year-plan in view of his statement made on the 30th July 1940, in reply to cut motion No. 3 (Village Panchayats) in the following memorable words: "I perfectly agree that village reconstruction means the improvement of agriculturists, and the basis of improving agriculturists is to give them facilities for cultivating their fields"?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): The proposal will be considered.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു ദയവുചെയ്തു ഇനിയത്തെ ബില്ലറിൽ ഇതിനുള്ള സംഖ്യ കൊള്ളിക്കുമോ ?

ഡോക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ : ഇതൊക്കെ ഉറപ്പികയുടെ അവസ്ഥപോലെ ചെയ്യാനെ തരമുള്ളു. ഉറപ്പികക്ക് വളരെ ക്ഷാമമുള്ള ഒരു കാലമാണിതെന്ന് എല്ലാവരും അറിയാം. ഈ വക കാര്യങ്ങളെല്ലാം പണമില്ലാതെ നടത്തുവാൻ വളരെ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുണ്ട്. സ്കീം ഉണ്ടാക്കുവാനും മറ്റും യാതൊരു ചിലവുമില്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ട് ഒരു പ്രയാസവുമില്ല. എന്നാൽ ആ സ്കീം ഉപയോഗപ്രദമാക്കുന്നതിന് പണംതന്നെ വേണം. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഇതിലേക്ക് പണം തല്ക്കാലം ഉപയോഗിക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കുമോ എന്നുള്ളത് നോക്കാതെ എങ്ങിനെയാണു മറുപടി പറയുന്നത്. ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിൽ പറയുന്ന സംഗതിയെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ പുതുർ അച്ചുതമേനോൻ : മൈൻ ഇറിഗേഷൻ ജോലികൾ രൂറൽ റി കൺസ്ട്രക്ഷന്റെ ഒരു പ്രധാനഭാഗമായിട്ട് എടുക്കാമോ ?

ഡോക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ : പ്രധാനഭാഗമാണെന്നുള്ളതിന്നു സംശയമില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടി : മന്ത്രിയുടെ പ്രത്യേക ഭയവാനും വേണമെന്നു പറയുന്നില്ല.

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): I perfectly agree with the hon'ble member. I will again consider this question. As a matter of fact, this is engaging the attention of Government.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters): Will Government be pleased to set apart a greater sum for minor irrigation works ?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): I have asked for a list from the department, and they are preparing a list.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (Narakkal): Has any of the proposals of the Irrigation Board come to the notice of the Hon'ble Minister ?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): Generally the Irrigation Board deals with major irrigation works. By the time I received my friend's communication, the work had been given on contract.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (Narakkal): It is not with regard to any particular work that I am saying. There are several works recommended by the Irrigation Advisory Board costing small amounts which can legitimately come under the Panchayat Department. I am asking whether such reports come to the notice of the Hon'ble Minister, so that such works may be given preference.

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): No such reports have come to my notice. But I shall call for these, and see that hereafter all such reports are brought to the notice of Government.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Are there not provisions in the Cochin Irrigation Act to execute such minor irrigation works?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes. There are provisions. But the amount of money at our disposal is limited. I quite understand the anxiety of the Council, and Government are equally anxious. If anything ought to be done to help the tenants, it is giving them facilities of this kind, and you will see that a number of minor works have been taken up by the Panchayats, consistent with the funds at their disposal.

RESOLUTION—PALANJI PANCHAYAT—OPENING OF NEW MARKET ROAD

181. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will Government be pleased to state.--

- (a) whether any resolution on the question of opening the new market road at Palanji was passed and recorded by the local Panchayat on 4th Vrischigam 1116;
- (b) whether the Director of Public Health and Panchayats visited Palanji on 4th Vrischigam 1116;
- (c) whether the resolution referred to in (a) is in record at present?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):

- (a) No.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) Please see answer to (a).

INCOME-TAX FROM MERCHANTS OF MATTANCHERI—FIGURES REGARDING

182. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Will Government be pleased to state the amount of income-tax collected from the merchants of Mattancheri during the years 1109 to 1116?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): Separate accounts are not maintained for income-tax collections from Mattancheri.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): I have a suggestion to make to the Hon'ble President, that such answers should not be printed and placed before the Council. This answer could very well have been communicated to me.